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**Immediate Release:**  
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**GTCHD adds COVID-19 testing hours this week;  
Encourages frontline workers**

After the influx of visitors that the region welcomed to the area over the past holiday week, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is adding COVID-19 testing hours to its regular schedule this week. The move is being done to offer additional availability for those that are vaccinated or unvaccinated and may have been exposed to COVID-19 during the week, especially frontline workers.

Testing is done at the GTCHD main campus building located at 2600 LaFranier Road, Traverse City, MI 49686. See below for dates and times.

**Monday, July 12**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 13**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 14**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

**Thursday, July 15**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

\*Depending on demand, additional hours may be added in the future

- Testing is available to anyone regardless of symptoms and is done on a drive-up basis only.
- **Testing is drive-up** (no appointment necessary) and will be done in the parking lot behind the main health department building.
- A doctor's order is not needed and there is no charge to be tested.
- Anyone that tests positive or is symptomatic will be offered a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test following the rapid antigen test. Tests are for diagnostic purposes (this is not an antibody test).
- Results will be delivered electronically (email/text) within two hours.
- Registration can be done beforehand or on-location by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code provided below.



“With the large number of visitors, we are encouraging all that may have been exposed to COVID-19 to get tested, especially our frontline workers, including those in the service and retail industry,” said Health Officer, Wendy Hirschenberger. “Although we have a high rate of vaccination in our county, we know that this past week attracted many people from all parts of the country and the world in which those rates are unknown. The highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant was recently reported to be the dominant strain causing infections in the U.S. It is important for us to test and identify new infections of COVID-19 before it spreads in our community.”

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